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LETTERS OF THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORS JOHN SEVIER 1796 - 1801 (Part 1)

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| NAME | YEAR | PLACE | INCOMING OUTGOING | SUBJECT |
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| Smith, Daniel (Gen.) | 1791 | Philadelphia, PA | Out | News from the United States capitol |

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| Blount, W. | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Request for a briefing on the state of the militia and general defenses |
| Blount, William | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Expresses willingness to meet to confer on state business. |
| Blount, William | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives news of militia commissions and Indian relations |
| Blount, William; Cocke; and Jackson | 1796 | Jonesborough, TN | Out | Requests advice concerning land regulation. |
| Blount, Wm. | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Forwards credentials and requests to maintain communication |
| Cherokee Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Entreats warriors to maintain a peaceful relationship |
| Cherokee Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Expresses regret at an incident between white settlers and Indians and promotes peaceful coexistence. |

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| Cherokee Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Letter of introduction and statement of intention of Colonel Whitley of Kentucky |
| Cherokee Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Advises continued peace and cooperation between Indians and white settlers |
| Cherokee Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests that assistance be given to Henry Morris in recovering slaves. |
| Chisolm, John (Capt.) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives orders for conduct in Cherokee Territory |
| Clack, John | 1796 | Sevier Co., TN | In | Informing results of an election. |
| Cocke, William (Esquire) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Encloses commission and expresses confidence in Cocke's service to the state |
| Creek Nation | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives assurance of peaceful sentiments. |
| Evans, Joseph (Capt.) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Advising Evans not to settle across the Tennessee River. |
| Little Turkey | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requesting a return of slaves belonging to George Colbert of the Chickasaw Nation. |
| McKee, John (Colonel) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives information on an incident between white settlers and Indians but warns to preserve the peace |
| Nanderhorst (Gov.) | 1796 | Tennessee | Out | Gives briefing on status of proposed road to South Carolina. |
| Roberts, Isaac (Colonel) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Directions regarding a dispute between Mr. McClain and Mr. Nash about commission of Major of the militia |
| Robertson, James (General) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Enclosing blank commissions for cavalry field officers to allow voting for generals. |
| Secretary of War | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Assures Tennessee's compliance with treaties and laws concerning Indians. |

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| Secretary of War | 1796 | Knoxville,TN | Out | Explanation for commission of militia troops |
| Stuart, James | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Enclosing blank commissions for cavalry field officers to allow voting for generals. |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Forwards a proposal from Governor Nanderhort of South Carolina to build a road |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Desires that advice be given to Blount and Cocke regarding representation in US Senate |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests legislation to secure peace with Indian nations and provide pay for soldiers |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | States that TN has been admitted to the union and calls the General Assembly to convene early to settle affairs. |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Directions for the new legislative session |
| TN General Assembly | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Forwards Charles Robertson's bond for road construction and requests that he be reimbursed for his services. |
| US Senators from TN | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | News of the recent state legislative session and commission to have a state seal made. |
| US Senators from TN | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives briefing on an incident between white settlers and Indians. |
| US Senators from TN | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives news of developments arising from an incident between white settlers and Indians |
| Weir, Samuel (Colonel) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Admonishes white settlers for conflict with Indians and desires return of Indian property |

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| White, Kelley, and Weir (Colonels) | 1796 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives orders regarding defense and Indian relations during Sevier's absence from TN |
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| Blount and Cocke | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Briefing on news of the state and survey of the boundary line of Indian lands |
| Blount, Cocke , and Jackson | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Warns that recent government trading policy may be harmful to Indian relations. |
| Blount, Cocke, and Jackson | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | News of the state and a complaint about the mail |
| Blount, William | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Briefs on the state of Indian relations |
| Brigadier Generals | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Commendations for protecting the state. |
| Brigadier Generals and Colonels of Cavalry | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Orders concerning new volunteer cavalry units. |
| Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Asks Indians to return stolen property and cease to commit theft. |
| Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Apologizes for the murder of two Indians and warns against retaliation. |
| Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Demands that Indians who commit murder be discovered and punished. |
| Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Warning against provoking war |
| Conway, George | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Concerns disputed election |
| Dinsmoor, Silas | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Repeats demands that Indian criminals be punished and expresses desire for peace. |

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| Dinsmoor, Silas (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Encloses a letter that warns Indians to cease further theft of property. |
| Dinsmoor, Silas (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Asks Dinsmoor to investigate a suspected Indian theft of a horse |
| Dinsmoor, Silas (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Promises to investigate the murder of two Indians. |
| Dinsmoor, Silas (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Claiming theft by Indians of two horses from Major Nathaniel Evans. |
| Garrard (Governor) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Stating intent to arrest and extradite John Levingston and Edward Mitchell for the murder of two Indians. |
| Garrard (Governor) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Character statement for Seth Waddle. |
| Hawkings, Benjamin and Pickings, Andrew | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Detailed explanation of Tennessee sentiments toward the Indian Nations. |
| Hawkins, Benjamin | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests that an effort be made to locate the daughter of Mrs. Sillean Williams. |
| Hawkins, Benjamin (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests action concerning theft of two slaves and some horses. |
| Hawkins, Benjamin and Pickings, Andrew | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Expresses fear of a large party of Indians gathering in Tennessee. |
| Hawkins, Benjamin and Pickings, Andrew | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Promises to fully reply in a few days to a letter received from addressees. |
| Henly, David (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Brings attention to omission of Tennessee in reports by the US Secretary of Treasury. |
| McHenry, James (US Secretary of War) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests additional troops to replace militia. |
| McHenry, James (US Secretary of War) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Concerns the survey of the line marking the boundary of Indian lands. |

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| McHenry, James (US Secretary of War) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Explanation of circumstances surrounding the previous murder of two Indians. |
| Nelson, Alexander; Mitchell, John; Dardis, James; and Sherman, Edwards | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives instruction for the formation of a volunteer cavalry unit |
| Pennsylvania Secretary of State | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Recognizes receipt of a copy of the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. |
| Powells Valley Inhabitants | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Expresses understanding at the hardship caused by removal from Indian lands |
| Rickard, William (Captain) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Advising close supervision of state prisoners |
| Sparks and Wade (Captains) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Requests moderation toward those inhabiting Indian lands. |
| Tatom, Howell (Esquire) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Commission for a judgeship of the Superior Court of Law and Equity |
| US Postmaster General | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Complaint concerning delay and loss of mail. |
| Watts, John and Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Warns again about the danger of entering into war. |
| Wear, Samuel (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Directions concerning recent murder of white men. |
| Wear, Samuel (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Gives directions regarding a party of Cherokee. |
| Williams, Sampson (Lt.) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Recognizes receipt of information concerning property thefts by Indians and advising course for redeeming the property |
| Winchester, James (Brigadier General) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Informs Winchester of removal of militia troops from Fort Blount |

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| (Circular) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Briefing on diplomatic relations with the France and impeachment of William Blount from the US Senate |
| Butler (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Accepting proposal to meet to discuss the removal of white settlers from Indian lands |
| Carter, Landon (General) | 1797 | Plumb Grove, TN | Out | Request to have public funds delivered to the State Treasury |
| Cherokee Nation | 1797 | Plumb Grove, TN | Out | Demand for punishment of an Indian who wounded a white settler |
| Cocke, William | 1797 | Plumb Grove, TN | Out | Details the progress of the survey of Indian lands |
| Coody, Arthur | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Expression of gratitude to the Cherokee Nation for consideration shown to people living in Indian lands |
| Governor of North Carolina | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Promise to arrest Martin Armstrong for fraud concerning land grants |
| Hawkins, Benjamin (Esquire) | 1797 | Plumb Grove, TN | Out | Informs of an Indian attack on a white settler and requests that influence is used to ensure punishment of the offender |
| Henley, David (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Authorization to open and examine letters from William Blount to Colonel John McKee |
| Henley, David (Colonel) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Request payment of soldiers for services rendered to the state |
| Inhabitants of Indian Land | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Assures assistance in making arrangements with the Cherokee for removal of white settlers from Indian lands |

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| Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Details of the murder of two Indians and status of the removal of white settlers from Indian lands |
| Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Complains about the removal of white settlers from Indian lands |
| McHenry, James (US Secretary of War) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Solicitation for leniency to those living in Indian lands |
| McNairy (Judge) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Enclosing a letter from Tucker to Nance. Requests an opinion of the letter. |
| To Inhabitants of Indian lands | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Notice to relocate off of Indian lands. |
| Williams (Lieutenant) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Commendation for good service and apology for removal from Fort Blount |
| Winchester, James (General) | 1797 | Knoxville, TN | Out | Request that everything possible be done to apprehend the murderers of two Indians |